

2012 Iowa DNR Canoe & Kayak Schools



Iowa DNR 2-day Canoe School courses are a great way to improve skills for people who help get others out on the water. The intent is to increase safety, have fun, and pay knowledge forward, based on American Canoe Association instructional foundations. Time is divided between classroom and hands-on experience on a lake environment and then a river. Participants from last year's initial course rated it extremely helpful. They were also surprised by how much there was to learn, and how intensive this course is.

"There is more to canoeing than I thought! Very informative course and caring instructors"

Course offerings:

May 15th & 16th (Tues-Wed):

Canoe School for Naturalists

Location: Springbrook Conservation Education Center, Guthrie Center (Middle Raccoon River)

Directions: <http://www.iowadnr.gov/springbrook/files/brochure.pdf>

Oriented toward: naturalists who take groups on trips or who are expected to conduct canoe instruction. About 1/3 classroom, and 2/3 on-water, the focus is on skills, hazard and river feature identification, teaching to different learning styles, and risk management. This is for canoe only.

Cost: \$50 (includes dormitory lodging and meals)

Instruction will be conducted by two of the following American Canoe Association certified canoe instructors: Nate Hoogeveen, Glenn Harman

Maximum # participants: 10 – 5 canoes



June 14th & 15th (Thurs-Fri):

Canoe School for Naturalists

Location: Briggs Woods Park, Hamilton County (Boone River)

Directions: <http://conservation.hamiltoncountyiowa.com/images/map/master-briggs-2-2-06.pdf>

Oriented toward: naturalists who take groups on trips or who are expected to conduct canoe instruction. About 1/3 classroom, and 2/3 on-water, the focus is on skills, hazard and river feature identification, teaching to different learning styles, and risk management. You must choose canoe OR kayak.



Cost: \$25

Instruction will be conducted by two of the following American Canoe Association certified canoe instructors: Glenn Harman/Todd Robertson

Maximum # participants: 10 (5 canoes)



August 16th & 17th (Thur-Fri):

Kayak School for Naturalists

Location: Springbrook Conservation Education Center, Guthrie Center (Middle Raccoon River)

Directions: <http://www.iowadnr.gov/springbrook/files/brochure.pdf>

Oriented toward: naturalists who take groups on trips or who are expected to conduct kayak instruction. About 1/3 classroom, and 2/3 on-water,

the focus is on skills, hazard and river feature identification, teaching to different learning styles, and risk management. This is for kayak only.

Cost: approximately \$50 (includes dormitory lodging and meals)

Instruction will be conducted by two of the following American Canoe Association certified canoe instructors: John Wenck/Glenn Harman/Todd Robertson

Maximum # participants: 10

September 6th & 7th (Thur-Fri):

Canoe School for Naturalists

Location: Briggs Woods Park, Hamilton County (Boone River)

Directions:

<http://conservation.hamiltoncountyiowa.com/images/map/master-briggs-2-2-06.pdf>

Oriented toward: naturalists who take groups on trips or who are expected to conduct canoe instruction. About 1/3 classroom, and 2/3 on-water, the focus is on skills, hazard and river feature identification, teaching to different learning styles, and risk management. This is for canoe only.

Cost: \$25

Instruction will be conducted by two of the following American Canoe Association certified canoe instructors: Todd Robertson, John Wenck

Maximum # participants: 10 (5 canoes)



Iowa DNR 2-Day Paddling Schools

Do you often bring others out on the water in canoes or kayaks? Would you like to improve your skills to be able to better demonstrate to others how to paddle efficiently, elegantly, and safely? Join Iowa DNR's River Programs for a two-day course including classroom and on-water training for tandem and solo canoe. This intensive course will follow the American Canoe Association's "Intro" and "Moving Water" curriculum, and will be targeted toward those who find themselves teaching others paddling skills, from lakes to rivers.



This course will be instrumental for students who plan to enroll in an ACA instructor certification course. You will receive an Iowa DNR certificate of completion. Class size is limited, so sign up today!

Prerequisites

This is not considered a novice course, although fairly unskilled people can learn a lot. You are expected to have *some* previous experience, but not expertise. Please review the ACA course outline; in the two days, we will cover curriculum for Introduction instruction through the moving water section.

What you'll need to bring

- Rain gear, brimmed hat for sun, sunscreen
- A small cooler with a lunch to bring during instruction days; you'll be on your own for breakfast and dinner – there are restaurants in Webster City if you prefer, or bring your own food.
- At least 2 liters of drinking water per instruction day.
- Water shoes or old tennis shoes that can get wet
- Swimming suit and/or clothing that can get wet
- If you have a preferred life jacket (Type III paddlers' life jacket), bring it; otherwise a life jacket will be provided.
- Sleeping bag & personal effects if staying in a cabin/ dormitory; otherwise bring your own tent and camping gear

Registration Form:

Please check the course you will attend:

- May 15th and 16th , Springbrook Conservation Education Center
(\$50 FOR NATURALISTS INCLUDES DORMITORY LODGING & FOOD)
- June 14th and 15th , Boone River Canoe School (Briggs Woods)
(\$25 FOR NATURALISTS)
- August 16th & 17th, Springbrook Conservation Education Center Kayak School
(\$50 FOR NATURALISTS INCLUDES DORMITORY LODGING & FOOD)
- September 6th & 7th, Boone River Canoe School (Briggs Woods)
(\$25 FOR NATURALISTS OR GROUP LEADERS)

Name: _____

Organization: _____

Street address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

E-mail: _____

Phone: _____

Total fee enclosed: \$ _____

Check should be made out to "Iowa DNR" and sent to:

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